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Dear Homeowner:

Lead poisoning continues to be a major public health issue in the City of Newark. Lead poisoning has been linked to behavioral abnormalities and health problems in children that have been exposed to lead-based paint. The City of Newark, Department of Health and Human Services is committed to the eradication of lead poisoning in our children.

You have been identified by Inspectors of the Department of Health and Human Services as an owner of lead-burdened property. You have been ordered, through the Municipal Court, to abate lead violations, however you have not complied. The City of Newark recognizes the burden the removal of lead-based paint places on owners and is seeking methods to assist in the abatement process.

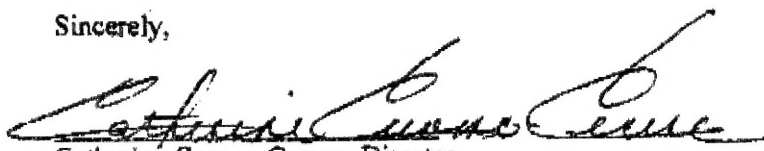
To this end, the City of Newark, New Jersey Citizen Action and the Summit Bank are sponsoring a forum to assist you in complying with lead violations. The forum has been designed to discuss requirements for lead abatement and information on resources available for abatement including low-cost financing.

The free public forum on **Rights, Responsibilities and Funding for Lead Abatement** will be held on **Thursday, February 24, 2000 from 7:00 PM through 8:30 PM** at **The Smyrna Baptist Church, 358-362 15th Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.**

For additional information, please contact the Newark Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (973) 733-5323, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

We look forward to meeting you and working with you to ensure the health and safety of all of Newark's children.

Sincerely,



Catherine Cuomo-Cecere, Director
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